

withholding taxes on government contractors, enhance taxpayer protections, and assist low-income taxpayers, by a recorded vote 238 ayes to 179 noes, Roll No. 190. **Pages H2299–H2306, H2307–22**

Rejected the Herger motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back promptly with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 210 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 189. **Page H2319–21**

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H2299**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H2323**

H. Res. 1102, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 222 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 187. **Page H2306**

Agreed to the Sutton amendment to the rule by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 186. **Pages H2305–06**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Monday, April 14th:

Texas Military Veterans Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 5517, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7231 FM 1960 in Humble, Texas, as the “Texas Military Veterans Post Office”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 191. **Pages H2322–23**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2305, H2306, H2306,07, H2320–21, H2321–22, H2322. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CIA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense/Select Intelligence Oversight Panel met in executive session to hold a hearing on the CIA. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the CIA: Stephen R. Kappes, Deputy Director; and Brian P. Shortley, Chief Financial Officer.

IRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on the IRS. Testimony was heard from Douglas

Shulman, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury.

CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on the Capitol Visitor Center. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Architect of the Capitol: Stephen Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol; Bernie Ungar, Project Executive; and Terrie Rouse, CEO, Visitor Service, both with Capitol Visitor Center; Terry Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and Phillip Morse, Chief, U.S. Capitol Police.

SOUTHCOM

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on SOUTHCOM. Testimony was heard from Adm James E. Stavridis, USN, Commander, U.S. Southern Command.

BUILDING PARTNERSHIP CAPACITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERAGENCY

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Building Partnership Capacity and Development of the Interagency. Testimony was heard from Robert M. Gates, Secretary of Defense; and Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

OVERSIGHT—DEFENSE TRAVEL SYSTEM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on oversight of the Defense Travel System. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michael L. Dominguez, Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; and David Fisher, Director, Business Transformation Agency; McCoy Williams, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—FCC

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission—the 7 MHz Auction.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FCC: Kevin J. Martin, Chairman; Michael J. Copps, Jonathan S. Adelstein, Deborah Taylor Tate and Robert M. McDowell, all Commissioners; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL LITERACY AND EDUCATION

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “Financial Literacy and Education: The Effectiveness of Governmental and Private Sector Initiatives.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Anna Escobedo Cabral, Treasurer of the United States;

Cassandra McConnell, Director, Consumer and Community Affairs, Office of Thrift Supervision; and Barry Wides, Deputy Comptroller for Community Affairs, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; JoAnn Johnson, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; Sandra Braunstein, Director, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Robert W. Mooney, Deputy Director, Consumer Protection and Community Affairs, FDIC; Dean Martin, Treasurer, State of Arizona and public witnesses.

EMERGENCY MORTGAGE LOAN MODIFICATION ACT OF 2008

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing on H.R. 5579, Emergency Mortgage Loan Modification Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

TSA OUTLOOK

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled "Moving Beyond the First Five Years: How the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will Continue to Enhance Security for all Modes of Transportation." Testimony was heard from Kip Hawley, Assistant Secretary, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Cathleen Berrick, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; public witnesses.

MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTING

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on Military and Overseas Voting: Problems and Progress in Ensuring the Vote. Testimony was heard from Representatives McCarthy of California and Maloney of New York; Michael Dominguez, Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; Beth Chapman, Secretary of State, Alabama; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL SECURITY LETTERS REFORM ACT OF 2007

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a hearing on H.R. 3189, National Security Letters Reform Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General; and Valerie E. Caproni, General Counsel, FBI; the following former officials of the Department of Justice: Bruce Fein, former Associate Deputy Attorney General; Michael J. Woods, former Chief, FBI National Security Law Unit; and David

Kris, former Associate Deputy Attorney General; and a public witness.

OVERSIGHT—WEST-WIDE ENERGY AND MINERAL PROCESS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands and the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a joint oversight hearing on the West-wide Energy Corridor Process: State and Community Impacts. Testimony was heard from Luke Johnson, Deputy Director, Programs and Policy, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, USDA; Joanna Prukop, Secretary of Energy and Minerals, State of New Mexico; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERSIGHT DC WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 5718, Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act; and H.R. 3774, Senior Executive Service Diversity Assurance Act of 2008.

The Subcommittee also held an oversight hearing on D.C. Water and Sewer Authority (DCWASA). Testimony was heard from John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Ben Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; the following officials of the D.C. Water and Sewer Authority: Robin B. Martin, Chairman, Board of Directors; Jerry Johnson, General Manager, Daniel Tangherlini, City Administrator, District of Columbia; Timothy Firestine, Chief Administrator Officer, Montgomery County; Anthony H. Griffin, County Executive, Fairfax County, and Jacqueline F. Brown, Chief Administrator Officer, Prince Georges County, all Members of the Board.

NEW CONTRACTING AND PROPERTY BILLS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement held a hearing on New Contracting and Property Bills. Testimony was heard from the following officials of OMB: Paul Denett, Administrator, Federal Procurement Policy; and Danny Werfel, Acting Comptroller, Federal Financial Management; the following officials of the GSA: David Drabkin, Acting Chief Acquisition Officer and Senior Procurement Executive; and Stan Kaczmarczyk, Acting Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Governmentwide Policy; Barry Sabin, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal

Division, Department of Justice; and a public witness.

ENSURING CONTINUED ACCESS TO STUDENT LOANS ACT OF 2008

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 8–4, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5715, the Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment printed in Part A of the Rules Committee report accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted and that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill, as amended. The rule provides that no further amendments to the bill, as amended, shall be in order except those amendments printed in Part B of the Rules Committee report. The further amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the further amendments printed in the report except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives George Miller of California and McKeon.

ENERGY'S FUTUREGEN PROGRAM

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Department of Energy's FutureGen Program. Testimony was heard from C. H. Albright, Under Secretary, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION BUDGET

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Fiscal Year Budget: Federal Maritime Commission. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Federal Maritime Commission: A. Paul Anderson; Joseph E. Brennen; Harold J. Creel, Jr., and Rebecca F. Dye, all Commissioners.

VETERANS' HEALTH MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5730, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to display in each prosthetic clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs an Injured and Amputee Veterans Bill of Rights; H.R. 2818, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of Epilepsy Centers of Excellence in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans' Affairs; H.R. 5554, Veterans' Substance Use Disorders Prevention and Treatment Act of 2008; H.R. 5622, Veterans Timely Access to Health Care Act; H.R. 5595, Make Our Veterans Smile Act of 2008; and H.R. 5729, To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide comprehensive health care to children of Vietnam veterans born with Spina Bifida, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from Representatives Filner, Michaud, Ginny Brown-Waite, Perlmutter, Carney, and Ellsworth; Gerald M. Cross, M.D., Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

INSTABILITY OF HEALTH COVERAGE IN AMERICA

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Instability of Health Coverage in America. Testimony was heard from former Senator Dave Durenburger of Minnesota; and public witnesses.

MIP BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 Budget-Military Intelligence Program. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

FARM BILL EXTENSION ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at approximately 1:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense medical programs, 9:30 a.m., SD–192.